Lynn Tues Aug 19. 1850

Dear Mr May.

I received your letter at noon to day. I meant to write you a few days since but the time slipped away faster than I was aware, I am perfectly satisfied with the Arrangement the Committee have made, I thank them for their confidence & I hope I shall not disappoint that confidence. I shall do my best & I doubt not that both you & they will make all due allowance for my inexperience as an Agent.
I found that no appointment had been made for Hollister last week & on Sat noon I went to Salem on some business, & soon after I left a note arrived from Mr Walcutt directing me to go to East Bridgwater on Sunday as Mr Garrison was unwell & not able to attend, but I did not return from Salem till evening when it was altogether too late. I was sorry but did not feel to blame for the notice was entirely unexpected, I would have gone with pleasure.
As soon as I received your letter to day I hastened to J N Buffum. he said he was to start for Wolfsborough N. H. tomorrow I suggested a meeting at Marblehead as the

friends there have for some time desired one. James thought if Mr Phillips would engage to go I had better go to Marblehead for next Sabbath & arrange a meeting. I went to Mr Phillips & he said he was laboring under a bilious attack & could not venture to promise to go. & you know it would not be safe to call a meeting & use Mr Phillips' name & then he not be able to attend. So by his direction I gave up the idea of any meeting on Sunday next. Burbeen says that at Reading, Saugus, Marblehead & other places in this vicinity meetings can be held on the coming Sabbath. He has been requested to come to Reading & Beverly. So on his return from N.H. (a week hence) if you direct he will take measures to hold some meetings in the above places & probably he could count upon Mr Phillips' assistance as they are all within an hour & a half's ride from Lynn. & I could go too if you should think best. Will you please think of the matter & let me know when I see you at Hamilt. Convention. I am truly sorry to take pay for the Sabbaths I do not go out, but I am so situated now as to be obliged to do so. I am however getting ready a Poem for the Liberation which may do as much good as one of my poor speeches. So I will try to make some

return for the expense I create. If I had been lecturing a few weeks I would boldly venture to go out & occupy a day alone in next Sunday, but I do not feel quite strong enough as a Lecturer to do that, but I will be by & by I trust.

I shall be happy to attend the Cape Cod (Hamick) Convention & will be in Boston in season, & do all I can to aid. either in making a sketch of the proceedings or speaking or both.

I received your letter of course containing the $4, & will keep my account as you direct. perhaps I had better take some Books upon sharing with me to the Convention at Hamick.

I will write to Mr Walcutt & request him to select me some Books to take to Hamick & also to let me know if any meeting is got up suddenly the very last of this week, near Boston so that I can attend if wanted. & make use of the coming Sunday.

Sincerely Yours
Geo W Putnam.

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